

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 535

By Black

A RESOLUTION to commend Beech High School Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) members, Eric Bowman, Emily Horner, Laura Hutchinson, and Audra Woodall for their project raising awareness of obesity.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Beech High School Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) members, Eric Bowman, Emily Horner, Laura Hutchinson, and Audra Woodall are one such group of young persons who evince the greatest integrity and probity in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the three juniors and one sophomore team have been conducting a "Be Healthy with HOSA" community project to raise awareness about the dangers of obesity; and

WHEREAS, the team picked obesity as their topic because of its effects on people of all ages, races, and genders; and

WHEREAS, the group first took their exhibit to elementary school children, teaching them about the importance of exercise and nutrition before conducting question and answer sessions with Beech High School freshmen; and

WHEREAS, finally, the HOSA students took their display to the Christian Activities Center of Hendersonville First Baptist Church, where the Sumner County Family YMCA conducts many of its exercise classes; the teens handed out brochures to people as they were going to work out; and

WHEREAS, the eye-catching HOSA exhibit explains the importance of eating healthy foods and recommends various activities for the outdoors, indoors, and home that can improve one's physical well-being; and

WHEREAS, Eric, Emily, Laura, and Audra are perfect examples of the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, Eric, Emily, Laura, and Audra won the Middle Tennessee Regional HOSA competition in Franklin with their project and hope to repeat their success at the state convention on April 12-14, 2000 at the Opryland Hotel; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for the state competition, the HOSA team is hosting the "Waist" Management Summit on April 4, 2000, in the Beech High School auditorium, which will center on healthy living through proper nutrition and physical activity; and

WHEREAS, State Representative Diane Black, a registered nurse, has been working closely with the group and will be the keynote speaker at the seminar; and

WHEREAS, the group's noteworthy achievements are a great source of pride for their parents, their school, and their community; and

WHEREAS, the Beech High School chapter of HOSA began in 1997 and is primarily for high school students thinking about pursuing careers in health care; and

WHEREAS, all four members of the Beech High School team are planning health care related fields, with Eric planning to go into pediatrics, Emily into physical therapy, Laura in sports medicine, and Audra in neonatal nursing; and

WHEREAS, the group's outstanding success as public servants and civic leaders are directly attributable to their reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and their uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Eric Bowman, Emily Horner, Laura Hutchinson, and Audra Woodall are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend the Beech High School HOSA team of Eric Bowman, Emily Horner, Laura Hutchinson, and Audra Woodall for their honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and extend our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.